

Curriculum Vitae

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Curent Occupation

Graduate Research Assistant/ Ph.D student at Kansas State University

Education

Institution	Qualification	Graduation Class	Date
Kansas State University	Ph.D in Agricultural Economics	-	In progress
Kansas State University	Master's in Agricultural Economics	Summa cum laude	2014 to 2016
The University of Zambia	Bachelor's in Agricultural Sciences (Major in Agricultural Economics)	Distinction	2006 - 2011
St. Monica's Secondary School (Zambia)	Grade 12 "O" Level School certificate	Distinction	2002 - 2004

Work Experience

1. August, 2014 to date: Graduate Research Assistant at Kansas State University.

I am currently pursuing a Ph.D in Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University while also working as a Graduate Research Assistant. My main duty is carrying out agricultural research from Problem identification up to Data Analysis and reporting.

2. November 2013 to July 2014: Worked as a Research Officer at Musika Development Initiatives.

Musika is a Zambian non-profit company that works to stimulate private sector investment in the smallholder Agricultural market. My responsibilities included:

- Assisting the Programme to carry out Market research in the Agricultural markets. Research included Market analysis to identify opportunities for beneficial relationships between farmers and private sector stakeholders.

- Monitoring and Evaluation of the programme activities. This included carrying out Baseline and Evaluation studies as well as monitoring visits to measure progress and implement checks and balances.
 - Implement and ensure programme compliance to Donor Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED) standards for monitoring and evaluation.
3. February, 2012 to October, 2013: Worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for World Vision Zambia, Katete Area Development Programme (ADP). My main responsibility was to assist the Area Development Programme (ADP) team to setup and implement a comprehensive participatory program monitoring and evaluation system that supports effective planning, implementation, performance monitoring, evaluation and accountability of all ADP supported activities. My duties included:
- Coordinating the process of planning and conducting holistic assessments which lead to the development of integrated program and project objectives.
 - Coordinating the process of developing innovative program/project strategies which integrate transformational development, humanitarian emergency affairs and advocacy interventions.
 - Assisting Programme teams to develop and implement a Learning through Evaluation with Accountability and Planning (LEAP)-aligned plans for the ADP.
 - Assist the ADP team to setup a fully functional monitoring system, review reports and conduct monthly meetings to review performance against targets.
4. September, 2011 to February, 2012: worked as a Statistician on Internship at the Central Statistical Office, Economics Division. My main responsibility was to assist with the management of national statistics on Economics. Some of the major surveys I was involved in were:
- The 2011 Economic Census. That is, generation of a comprehensive Sampling Frame for all establishments in Zambia (Phase 1), preparing questionnaires and training manuals.
 - Living Conditions and Monitoring Survey 2010/ 2012. Editing the final report for the Living Conditions and Monitoring Survey 2010 and preparatory work for the 2012 survey.
5. 2010 – 2012: Worked as a research assistant in the Pulse Value Chain Initiative- Zambia, a USAID project.

The overall Goal of this project was to maximize pulse crops' Economic Efficiency in Zambia. In contributing to this goal, my research looked at identifying the factors that influence Cowpea producer choices of different marketing channels in Zambia.

http://valuechains.k-state.edu/_Agness%20Mzyece.pdf

Publications

1. Mzyece, A., Shanoyan, A., Zereyesus, Y., Ross, K., and Amanor-Boadu, V. *The Effect of Buyer Type on the Market Participation of Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana*. Work in progress.

Conferences and Presentations (boldface = presenter)

1. **Mzyece, A** and Sandbeck, L. *Sustainability of smallholder Market Participation: A Profitability Approach*. To be presented at the Missouri Valley Economic Association 53rd Annual Conference, October, 2016.
2. **Mzyece, A.** *The Effect of Buyer Type on the Market Participation of Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana*. Master's Degree Thesis Defence. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. September, 2016.
3. **Mzyece, A.**, Shanoyan, A., Zereyesus, Y., Ross, K., and Amanor-Boadu, V. *Factors Affecting the Intensity of Market Participation*. Presented at the 2015 IFAMA Symposium, Minneapolis, MN. June 14- 17, 2015.
4. **Mzyece, A.**, Shanoyan, A., Zereyesus, Y., Ross, K., and Amanor-Boadu, V. *Factors Affecting the Intensity of Market Participation: New Evidence from Northern Ghana*. Presented at the Agricultural Risk and Profit conference, Manhattan, KS. August, 2015.
5. **Mzyece, A.**, Hancock, A., Gutierrez, E., and Salim, M., Participated in the IFAMA Student Case Study competition at the 2015 IFAMA conference. Minneapolis, MN. June 14- 17, 2015.

Professional Skills and Abilities

- Ability and experience in organizing and working with rural communities
- Ability to train as well as facilitate meetings and workshops
- Good monitoring, evaluation knowledge and project management
- Able and interested in carrying out research.
- Knowledgeable in the use of advanced data management software such as STATA, R, GAMS data analysis package and SPSS.

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